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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF FRENCH OFFICIAL PERSONNEL

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA BOLLE INFORMED EMBOFF 14 MARCH THAT AT THAT TIME FRENCH GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO DRAW DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY THE OFFICIAL STAFF OF EMBASSY. ON MARCH 17 BOLLE SAID THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN DURING THE DAY OF MARCH 15 TO WITHDRAW ALL PERSONNEL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABOUT 10 PERSONS BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY SITUATION. BOLLE SAID THAT SINCE THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS NOW REQUIRED OF THE EMBASSY WERE ADMINISTRATIVE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DIRAC (WHOSE NAME IS ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST) WOULD BE THE CHIEF OF THEIR REPRESENTATION IN PHNOM PENH. BOLLE WAS NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THE STATUS OF THEIR MISSION OR OF DIRAC WOULD BE, BUT ASSUMED THAT THE MISSION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED AN EMBASSY AND DIRAC THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

2. BOLLE SAID THE FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAD EVACUATED 95 PERSONS ON ITS FIRST FLIGHT AND 52 ON THE SECOND ON MARCH 17. THIS COMPLETED THE CURRENT EVACUATION PROGRAM.

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